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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. However, the applicants have not submitted copies of the U.S. patents or published U.S. Patent Application cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

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The applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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